

## By Saturday Evening's Mail.

**VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.—THURSDAY.—SECOND DAY.**—The Conference met at 9 o'clock, in the new African church, Portsmouth, and was opened by the reading of the scriptures, singing, and prayer by the Rev. Mr. Moore, of the North Carolina Conference. The Conference was then called to order by Bishop Kavanaugh. The Secretary called the roll, and the following ministers, who were not present on the first day, answered to their names and took their seats.

John Manning, John Bayley, John S. Row, W. H. Bates, John M. Saunders and Jos. H. Davis.

The Secretary read the journal of yesterday.

Rev. B. B. Shelton, transferred from the North Carolina Conference, and Rev. Mr. Moore, Assistant Secretary of the Publishing House in Nashville, were introduced to the Conference, and invited to take seats.

Mr. Abbey, addressed a few remarks relating to the Publishing House.

Dr. J. R. Fisher, called on P. A. Pater, and requested to furnish the newspapers in Norfolk and Portsmouth, with the daily proceedings of the Conference, and the motion was adopted.

Dr. Fisher then announced the names of the ministers who would conduct religious services in the different churches in Norfolk and Portsmouth, during the day. A report was read by the Secretary from the Rev. Mr. McFarrell, Agent of the Publishing House, setting forth the condition of the concern, and making an able and strong appeal to the Conference and Church to sustain the Publishing House and their Periodicals. He stated that there were about 2,500 Million and 5,000 Local members, and half a million members in the Methodist Church South; yet, their Publishing House and Periodical suffer for want of patronage. The assets of the Southern Methodist Publishing House are \$431,263.21. Liabilities \$112,489.43. Balance in favor of the House \$318,772.78. The above amount of bills receivable and book accounts put down as assets, may be classed as follows: Probably available in due course of business \$40,690.37. Slow and difficult to collect \$19,406.02. Bad or doubtful \$10,406.02. These items, which will diminish the assets of the establishment.

The names of such ministers, as were in the hands of Presiding Elders for admission on trial, for the first year, were called and the following passed their examination as to character and proficiency in their studies, and were continued: R. C. Smiley, B. P. Ames, S. P. Garland, Robt. Moore, M. S. Colson, James S. Porter, S. L. Lamborn, J. E. McSparrin, J. H. Payne, H. C. Cheatham, W. H. Hamman, T. H. Early, J. C. Lefebvre, J. W. Bates, Aaron Boone, J. M. Anderson, N. S. Sled, J. W. Bacon, and J. S. Rogers.

At 11 o'clock, the Session was adjourned, and at 12 o'clock, the Session was resumed. All of whom were reported through the Chairman of the Committee on examination, as having undergone a most rigid examination, and acquitted themselves with great credit, and promise much use and zeal in the Church.

The hour of eleven having arrived, the Conference suspended the regular order of business.—The Rev. Bishop Kavanaugh then delivered a feeling and eloquent sermon from the 8th verse of the 107th Psalm.

The following Committee were appointed for examination of ministers for the first year: J. D. H. Hayes, J. L. Spencer, and W. B. Cloutier.—*Norfolk Her.*

**MURDER.**—A murder was committed in Roanoke county, Va., on Thursday evening, 18th instant. A Mr. John Dickinson in returning home from a mill in the neighborhood, was met by a man named John Hurt and his negro man, Dickinson and Hurt got into a quarrel about a frivolous matter, and a fight ensued, of which Dickinson was getting the better, when Hurt ordered "his negro man to take Dickinson off and kill him," which the negro literally accomplished—beating Dickinson in such a manner that he died in about twenty-four hours afterwards. The guilty parties have made their escape, and have not as yet been arrested.

Mrs. L. L. Sigourney furnished fifty poor families with turkeys or fowls, and pumpkins, of the best quality, too, for a Thanksgiving dinner.

**COMMERCIAL.**

**The Markets.**  
BALTIMORE, Nov. 27.—Flour is firm; Howard Street and Ohio \$5.12. Grain is unchanged. Provisions are steady. Lard, new Western, 10 1/2 cts. Beef and pork unchanged. Whiskey is firm, at 24 1/2 cts.

NEW YORK, Nov. 27.—Flour is quiet; State \$4.20-\$4.40. Ohio \$5.30-\$5.45. Southern \$5.10-\$5.50. Wheat is quiet; red 1 1/2 cts. Corn is firm, mixed 74 1/2 cts. Pork is higher; mess 15 1/2 cts. \$1.70-\$1.75. Whiskey is firm; but the holders demand an advance to 24 1/2 cts. Stocks are lower.

NEW YORK, Nov. 26.—In the stock market there was but little activity today, and the prices were rather downward. In United States 5 1/2 of 1874, Tennessee 6 1/2 of 1880, Virginia 6 1/2 of 1874, and Hudson Canal Company, there was no change in prices. North Carolina 6 1/2 of 1874, and Mississippi 6 1/2 of 1874. There were no sales of bank stock. In the money market there is but little to notice. Three and a half percent is the ruling rate on loans with good collateral. The receipts at the custom house on Tuesday, were only \$50,556, yesterday \$66,000, and the balance in the Subtreasury was \$582,175. The Asia took out \$264,117 in specie.

HOGS.—Within the past few days, says the Lynchburg Republican, considerable quantities of hogs have reached this city by way of the Virginia and Tennessee railroad, nineteen cars loaded Saturday, and ten on yesterday—about one hundred of which were taken for this city, and the rest sent on to other markets. There is a great demand for the article, and we learn that they are going off rapidly at \$6.50 cwt., which is somewhat below the price of last winter. The reports from the West represent that the number of hogs which will be driven east this winter will be considerably less than last year.

GEORGETOWN CATTLE AND GRAIN MARKET.—At the sale ground last Friday, there were about 300 head of cattle, ranging from \$2.50 to \$4.00. Hogs, but few, at \$1.00 to \$1.25. Hogs, also few on the ground, at \$1.25.

THE market for wheat is steady, with a good demand for prime qualities. Inferior wheats are dull, as there is much of that description offering. Sales of fair to \$1.20 to \$1.21, and white from \$1.20 to \$1.25 to \$1.30.

NEW SUGAR AND MOLASSES.—The first considerable lot of new sugar crop, amounting to 100 hhds, was received at New York, on Thursday, and found eager buyers at 7 1/2 cts. The quality of a port was very choice. The Post also notes the arrival of a sample of new molasses of such excellent quality as to resemble honey.

WANTED.—A VESSEL wanted to carry freight to Jersey City. Enquire of GRAY, MILLER & CO., 200 Broadway, New York.

OLD GOVERNMENT JAVA, Laguna, Rio, Jamaica, and Roasted Coffee, just received, in store, and for sale by JOHN A. DIXON, Family Grocer.

PORTLAND SYRUP.—200 BBLs. PORTLAND SYRUP, for sale by FOWLE & CO., [Nov 24]

## LOCAL ITEMS.

**GRAY EAGLE.**—On Wednesday last, a Gray Eagle weighing fourteen pounds and measuring 6 feet 10 inches across the wings, and standing three feet high, was killed at Hayfield, by the Overseer. When discovered he was eating a Goose he had seized upon in the farm yard and after being shot in the head, made battle with the Overseer, who, to take him fired another shot in the head and killed him.

**WASHINGTON ITEMS.**—Thanksgiving Day passed over with commendable order and quietness. The churches were generally well attended, and the streets presented fewer spectacles of intemperance than almost on any previous public holiday, notwithstanding there is every reason for supposing that generous and hospitable cheer was the order of the day.

**THE GREAT FALLS INQUIRY CASE.**—The Court of Montgomery County, Maryland, has appointed Monday morning, (today), at 10 o'clock, for the hearing of counsel in the matter of the verdict of the Jury for damages by the United States to the property of the Great Falls Manufacturing Company at the Great Falls of the Potomac.

**CIRCUIT COURT.**—In this Court the suit of Gen. Roger C. Weighman against the Corporation of Washington is still pending.—Mr. Davidge, of counsel for the defense, has offered instructions which he and his opponents are now arguing. It is supposed the case will not go to the Jury before to-day at the earliest.—*Nat. Int.*

**CHANGES IN RAILROAD TRAINS.**—Several changes take place in the movement of trains on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad on Monday (today) the 29th. The morning mail, which leaves Baltimore at 8 30, will reach Piedmont at 7 30 P. M., and lie over till next morning but the afternoon express, leaving at 5 05 will go through direct. The Frederick train will leave at 9 A. M. instead of 8 40, and 4 10 P. M. and the Ellicott's Mills at 6 20 A. M., and 3 30 P. M. Trains leave the Mills for Baltimore at 7 50 A. M. and 5 40 P. M. On the Washington branch there are several changes also—the second morning train will depart from Washington at 8 30, and at 8 30 A. M. Washington the train will depart for Baltimore at 6 10 and 7 45 A. M., and 3 40 and 4 35 P. M. On Sunday the only trains between the two cities will be those at 4 30 A. M. from Baltimore and 3 40 P. M. from Washington.

Mr. Crawford, agent of the Baltimore and Philadelphia railroad, also gives notice that on and after Monday (today) the mail train for Philadelphia will leave at 12 o'clock M. instead of 11 A. M.—*Baltimore Sun.*

**I. O. O. F.**—The Alexandria correspondent of the Washington Star, says:—"The Old Fellows of Putnam Lodge were much gratified at their meeting Friday evening, by the fraternal visit of a delegation of the brethren from various Washington Lodges. They were received most cordially, and Virginia hospitalities proffered with the spirit so characteristic of that branch of the 'fraternal tie' family. An hour or so was spent in the Lodge room on Columbus street; and after the Lodge had been closed in simple form, the delegation was escorted to 'Tennessee,' on Cameron street.

The catering capacities of the host were quickly called into requisition; and the inner man being satisfied, a course of social hours glided away in song and sentiment.—The hour of parting came at last, and, with an old Virginia 'strumpet cup,' the visitors took their homeward way."

**DAM No. 4.**—The Georgetown correspondent of the Washington Star says:—"The work upon Dam No. 4, we learn, is still progressing finely, and the chief superintendent, Mr. John G. Stone, is very anxious of securing its completion the present season, unless the weather shall become so cold as to preclude the possibility of carrying on such work."

**ALMANAC.**

1858	SUN	MOON'S PHASES
NOVEMBER		
29 Monday	7 11 44	W. 5 0 M.
30 Tuesday	7 11 44	W. 5 0 M.
1 Wednesday	7 12 44	First 13 10 18 W.
2 Thursday	7 12 44	Full 20 7 50 W.
3 Friday	7 13 44	Last 27 0 28 W.
4 Saturday	7 14 44	W. 3 0 28 W.
5 Sunday	7 14 44	Nov 29 28 19 W.

**PORT OF ALEXANDRIA.—NOVEMBER 27.**

ARRIVED.

Schr. Athol, Barr, Windsor, plaster to Caze and Co.

Sailed.

Schr. Pandora, Brady, Philadelphia, coal by D. A. Lowe.

Schr. South Wind, Mitchell, Richmond, by D. B. Smith.

Schr. S. G. King, Andrews, Philadelphia, by S. Shinn.

Steamer Diamond State, Kirwin, Baltimore, by Wheat & Bro.

**MEMORANDA.**

Brig Robert Reid, Moore, for this port, d'd at St. John, N. B. 19th inst.

Brig Andover, Crowell, for this port, d'd at Boston, 24th inst.

Schr. B. F. Wadley, Erickson, from this port, arrived at New York, 24th inst.

Schr. Orin Cow, Smith, from this port, arrived at Gloucester, 24th inst.

Sens Palestine, Ambrose, A. Pharo, Cavalier, and Beauty, Johnson, for Washington, d'd at Philadelphia 24th inst.

**CANAL COMMERCE.**

ARRIVED, Nov. 27, J. T. McHardy, Boat Geo. Henderson, coal to Borden Mining Co.

Boat Metacomb, coal to Borden Mining Co.

Boat John B. Hays, coal to American Coal Company.

Boat John Ross, coal to Frostburg Coal Co.

**NOTICE.**—The members of the Fire Insurance Company will meet at their office, to-night, at 7 o'clock. Punctual attendance is requested.

**ROBERT F. PRETTYMAN.** President.

**FOR CONGRESS.**—We are authorized to announce HENRY SHACKLEFORD, esq., as a candidate to represent the Seventh Congressional District, in the next Congress.

**PRINCE WILLIAM.**

**CARD.**—DOCT. HAROLD SNOWDEN, offers his professional services to the citizens of Alexandria, and vicinity. Office No. 4, North Pitt Street.

**SUPERIOR CRAB CIDER.**—Twenty bbls superior CRAB CIDER, in store, and for sale by STEPHEN SHINN, No. 4, South Wharves.

**SEGARS.**—The subscriber continues to manufacture SEGARS, from every choice grade of imported Leaf Tobacco. Orders respectfully solicited. EDWIN C. BROWN, No. 24, Madison street.

**Middleburg, Va., Oct 18—20th**

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## BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held November 26th, 1858, there were present—Messrs. Reid, Fowle, Armstrong, Dempsey, and Smith.

The President being absent, Mr. Reid was elected President pro tem.

Notice was received from the Common Council of the adoption of the following substitute, for the resolution of this Board, passed 22d viz: Resolved, That the committee in charge of the subject be instructed to enter into contract with the American Coal Company, on the basis proposed by that company in the communication of the 20th inst., and telegraphic despatch of the 26th inst., with such favorable modifications as they may be able to obtain: Provided, however, that in any contract which said committee shall make with said company, it shall be stipulated to the following effect, viz: That the said Coal Company shall for the purpose of constructing the contemplated improvement, advance to the City Council the sum of \$100,000 in monthly instalments of \$2,000, on the 15th days of the months of March, April, May, June, and July, 1859; said \$100,000 to be advanced without interest. The property when improved, to be leased to the American Coal Company for 10 years at \$2,000 per year, payable semi-annually with the privilege of renewal for ten additional years at \$2,000 per year, payable semi-annually. The \$100,000 to be repaid to the said American Coal Company at the expiration of the first term of 10 years, deducting, however, any rent which may be due and unpaid. The payment of such sum to the American Coal Company, to be secured by a lien on the wharf and improvements.

The following order was then passed by the Board, (the rule being suspended):

Ordered, That the Auditor issue his warrant for \$87 20, for expenses incurred by the special joint committee, in negotiating with the American Coal Company.

The Board then adjourned.

S. J. MCCORMICK, Clerk.

**IN COMMON COUNCIL.**

At a called meeting of the City Council of Alexandria, held on the 6th of November, 1858, there were present—

Mr. James H. McVeigh, President.

Messrs. Geo. H. Smoot, McKenzie, Kinzer, McKelvey, Alexander, Smith, Dorsey, Summers, Richards, and Nails.

On motion, the Council took up the consideration of the resolution, respecting the application of the American Coal Company, which had been laid on the table at the last meeting.

Mr. Kinzer offered the following resolution as a substitute:

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